

Now, therefore, the said Committee of Council have settled a Scheme containing the provisions herein, and do hereby order and declare as follows:—

1. This Scheme may be cited for all purposes as the Borough of Hemel Hempsted Scheme, 1898.

2. This Scheme shall come into operation on the day of the first meeting of the Council of the Municipal Borough created by the Charter above referred to, or at the date of its confirmation by Parliament or Order in Council, whichever day is the later. This date is herein mentioned as "the commencement of this Scheme."

3. The Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted, the Rural District Council of Hemel Hempsted and all existing local authorities within the civil parish of Hemel Hempsted and their powers, duties, rights, obligations, liabilities, and privileges shall continue and be deemed to have continued to exist until the commencement of this Scheme unaffected in any manner whatsoever by the grant of the said Charter, or the creation of the said borough and the said Councils and authorities shall from the date of the grant of the Charter until such commencement be deemed to have continued and continue to enjoy, be subject to, and exercise the said powers, duties, rights, obligations, liabilities, and privileges, as if no such Charter had been granted, and all their acts from the date of the grant of the said Charter until the commencement of this Scheme, shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid and effectual as if no such Charter had been granted.

4. From and after the commencement of this Scheme the Parish Council and Parish Meeting of the parish of Hemel Hempsted shall cease to exist, and any powers and duties transferred by "The Local Government Act, 1894," to such Parish Council or Parish Meeting shall be vested in, exercisable by, and imposed on the persons and authorities in whom they would be vested, or by whom they would be exercisable, or on whom they would be imposed if such parish had been included in an urban district on the appointed day within the meaning of that Act; and all property held for the purpose, or by virtue of such powers and duties, and all debts and liabilities incurred by virtue of such powers and duties shall pass to and vest in the persons and authorities aforesaid. Any property and liabilities of the said Parish Council not held or incurred by virtue of such powers and duties shall be transferred and attached to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Municipal Borough created by the Charter above referred to.

5. The accounts of the Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted and of the Board of Surveyors for repairs of the highways in the parish and of the officers and committees (if any) of such Parish Council and Board of Surveyors respectively shall be made up to the date of the commencement of the Scheme, and shall be audited by the district auditor in like manner and with the like incidences and consequences as if this Scheme had not been made; and the enactments relating to the accounts of Parish Councils and of Boards of Surveyors for repairs of the highways, and to the audit of such accounts and to all matters incidental thereto and consequential thereon, and the Rules made by the Local Government Board thereunder shall apply to such audits, and for the purposes of such audits the Parish Council and Board of Surveyors respectively shall be deemed to exist, and their officers (if any) to remain in office as if this Scheme had not been made.

Provided that any such audit may be held as soon as practicable after this Scheme comes into operation, and that any sum certified by the district

auditor at any such audit to be due from any person shall be paid by such person to the treasurer of the said Municipal Borough.

6. The municipal borough created by the Charter above referred to shall be and is hereby placed immediately on, from, and after the day of the first meeting of the Council of the municipal borough aforesaid within the jurisdiction of the Council of the said municipal borough, as the sanitary authority, and shall thenceforth no longer be within the jurisdiction, authority, or district of the Rural District Council of Hemel Hempsted or of the Board of Surveyors elected by the Parish Council of Hemel Hempsted, and all such powers as were exercisable by the said Rural District Council of Hemel Hempsted within the area of the said borough under the provisions of "The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889," and "The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890," shall be transferred to and exercisable by the Council of the said municipal borough as if the said Acts had been adopted by the said Council, and the said Acts shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Council accordingly.

7. All sewers, drains, cesspools, culverts, wells, pipes, pumps, mains, or other sanitary works situate within the area abstracted from the Hemel Hempsted Rural District, and being the property of the Council of that district, and used by them solely for the purpose of the drainage, water supply, or cleansing of the said area, and all liabilities attaching to the said Council as such solely in respect of the said area, and such proportion of the liabilities (if any) attaching to the said Council as such, as well in respect of the said area as the rest of its district, as is hereinafter mentioned, shall immediately from and after the commencement of this scheme vest in and attach to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said municipal borough acting by the Council as the sanitary authority of the said borough. The proportion aforesaid shall be such part of the said liabilities as bears the same proportion to the whole of the said liabilities as that part of the rateable value of the property within the said area (according to the valuation list in force for poor law purposes immediately before the commencement of this scheme) bears to that part of the rateable value of the property within the whole district of the said Rural District Council (according to the same list).

8. The representatives of the parish of Hemel Hempsted on the said Rural District Council shall cease to act as Rural District Councillors of the Rural District, but they shall continue to act as Members of the Board of Guardians of the Hemel Hempsted Union as though they had been elected as Guardians for the said parish, and they shall remain in office until the date on which they would have retired, if this Scheme had not been made.

9. From and after the commencement of this Scheme, the School Board of the parish shall be the School Board of the borough in all respects to the same extent and in the same manner as if at the time of the formation of the School Board by the Education Department the borough of Hemel Hempsted had been a Municipal Borough. All property shall vest and all liabilities shall be attached, and everything in connexion with the said Board shall be done, had, and construed accordingly.

10. All the powers, rights, duties, liabilities, obligations, and property which now remain exercisable by attaching to or vested in the said ancient borough, or by to or in the bailiff and the inhabitants thereof, or by to or in the bailiff, shall